THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A comprehensive Bill is under consideration.

No-objection certificate by the Defence Ministry for providing Civic amenities to slums on their Land in Bombay

1345. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Defence Ministry have given their no-objection certificate for providing civic amenities to slums in Bombay on their land except vital installations;

(b) whether it is a fact that Local Officials in Bombay are not giving their no objection for providing civic amenities to the slum; and

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Defence has already informed the Govt. of Maharashtra that they do not have any objecion to providing civic amenities in all the slums on encroached Defence lands except at Geeta Nagar and the land on the Western side of Santa Cruz Airport at Bombay, which are required for specific Defence projects.

(c) Does not arise.

Amendment of Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act

1346. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra have requested the Central Government to amend Section 3 of the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) The information is being collected from the Government of Maharashtra and the same will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

Achievements of Immunisation Target

1347. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the immunisation target for 1988;

(b) whether it was achieved; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor and action taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Targets and achievements for immunization of children and pregnant women during 1987-88 and 1988-89 are given below:—

Vaccine	Targets 1987-88	Achievements 1987-88	Targets 1988-89	Achievements* 1988-89
1	2	3	4	5
			(Fig. in lakh)	
T.T. (PW)	169.3	154.30	226.83	118.0
D. P.T.	172.0	166.91	180.47	136.30

1	2	3	4	5
Polio	172.0	142.70	180.47	125.72
B.C.G.	172.0	163.64	180.47	137.92
Measles	112.0	101.80	157.66	91.29
D.T.	130.0	135.90	189.395	81.26
Typhoid	130.0	84.94	Dis-continued	
T.T. (10 Years)	78.0	69.64	97.48	49.72
T.T. (16 Years) –	48.0	44.99	60.116	31.39

(c) The performance under Immunization programme has been better than previous years and constant efforts are being made to further improve the position. Provision of cold chain equipment, assured availability of vaccine and intensive training of staff are some of the measures being pursued vigorously to improve the situation.

New grade of Private Secretary in the Central Secretariat Stenographers Service

1348. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 418 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 15th November, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that while some senior persons in some Central Secretariat Stenographers Service cadres were left out of the present ad-hoc promotions to the posts of Private Secretary created in the new grade of pay scale of Rs. 3000-4500 and some junior persons in others got them because the promotions were ordered on decentralised basis and without any stipulation of qualifying service for becoming eligible for the said promotions; and

(b) if so, what is the cadre-wise number of such senior persons left out of ad-hoc promotions with reference to the junior most person amongst all the promotions in all cadres of the service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Officers with minimum 8 years of approved service in the merged Gr. A & B of CSSS have been allowed ad-hoc promotion to the new PSs Grade, on decentralised cadre-wise seniority basis, w.e.f. 12th October, 1987. Ad-hoc promotions were given to senior most eligible officers subject to their suitability, in their respective cadres.

(b) The information is not maintained centrally.

पान मसाले का प्रतिकूल प्रभाव

1349. **डा० अबरार अहमद खान :** क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या "पान मसाला" और "पान पराग" का स्वास्थ्य पर प्रतिकूल प्रभाव पड़ता है और क्या इससे कैंसर जैसी गंभीर बीमारी भी हो जाती है ;

(ख) क्या स्वास्थ्य मंत्रालय ने इस संबंध में कोई विशेष शोध कार्य कराया है, क्या इस संबंध में जांच प्रतिवेदन या शोध के परिणाम प्राप्त हो गए है, यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और यदि कोई शोध कार्य नहीं किया गया है तो उसके क्या कारण हैं और सरकार इस संबंध में कब तक शोध कार्य शुरू कराने का विचार रखती है ?